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(b) Subject to the provisions of Act I of 1858, minor irrigation works are kept reasonably efficient at the expense of Government. Board's Standing Order No. 87 lays down detailed instructions in the matter. There is no rule that repairs should be carried out only at fixed intervals.

(c) & (d) Spring channels ordinarily come under the category of minor irrigation works and the answer given to clause (b) applies to them also; but in most districts the clearance of deposits from spring channels is an item of customary labour to be performed by the ryots under Act I of 1858.

Repairs to and maintenance of Spring Channels in the North Arcot district.

* 294 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what the number and extent of wet ayacuts under spring channels in North Arcot district is;

(b) the total assessment paid thereon; and

(c) what the amount spent is on the repairs and maintenance of spring channels by the Government during the years 1930, 1931 and 1932?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) Complete information is not available. A report has been called for.

Damage caused to the Mangalagiri division, Guntur district by floods in the Kistna.

* 295 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that certain villages in the Mangalagiri division of Guntur district were seriously affected by the recent floods in the Kistna;

(b) what the villages so affected are;

(c) whether the Government have received any reports from the District Collector, Guntur, regarding the extent of the damage and the value of the losses incurred; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to place the information on the table of the House?

A.—(a) *to* (d) An extract (relating to Guntur taluk) from the final report of the Collector is annexed.[a] The villages in Guntur taluk mentioned in previous reports as affected by the floods are Pratur, Mandadam, Venkatapalem, Kristnayapalem and Velagapudi. The Government have no more detailed information regarding this taluk.

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 396–397 infra.